



# Colorado Crop Progress

NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL  
STATISTICS  
SERVICE

USDA NASS Colorado Field Office

Denver Federal Center

Bldg 67 Room 630, Denver, CO 80225

Phone 1-800-392-3202 · 1-800-643-6885

e-mail: [nass-co@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-co@nass.usda.gov)

To access USDA-NASS reports <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Released: May 3, 2010

Vol. 47 No. 8

**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were lower than normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 84 percent of the average. Cool and windy conditions were prevalent in most areas of the State but farmers still had 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	5	87	7
Last Week	0	4	86	10
Last Year	2	12	75	11

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	6	88	5
Last Week	0	6	87	7
Last Year	12	24	57	7

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 55 percent jointed, off the pace of the 5-year average by 5 percentage points, but was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. The crop was 1 percent headed, compared with 6 percent for the 5-year average. Spring barley was 77 percent seeded by the end of the week, just ahead of the 5-year average by 2 percentage points. Spring wheat was 61 percent seeded at week's end, also ahead of the 5-year average of 56 percent. Barley and spring wheat were reported 38 and 30 percent emerged, respectively.

**Row Crops:** Farmers continued to make good progress in planting corn last week reaching 27 percent complete compared with 21 percent last year and 26 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence was 1 percent complete compared with 3 percent on average. Dry Onions were 76 percent planted at week's end, still about a week behind the 5-year average of 89 percent with a condition rating of mostly good to fair. Farmers continued to plant sorghum on schedule last week with 5 percent complete compared with 5 percent for the 5-year average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending May 2, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	2	13	58	27
Last Year	2	7	22	47	22

Growers made excellent progress planting sugarbeets last week with 68 percent in the ground and 6 percent up to stand by the end of the week. Good progress was also made planting summer potatoes as 25 percent are now planted compared with a 5-year average of 34 percent.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly good to fair across the State. Last year at this time they were rated mostly poor to fair.

**Livestock:** Ninety-one percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 89 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 2, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	6	26	61	6
Prev. Year - 2009	3	36	46	14	1
5-Year Avg.	7	23	41	26	3

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	91	89
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	89	89

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 2, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	55	32	58	60
Headed	1	N/A	6	6
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	77	55	57	75
Emerged	38	22	33	38
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	61	42	47	56
Emerged	30	18	19	23
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	27	9	21	26
Emerged	1	N/A	5	3
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	5	1	3	5
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	76	69	84	89
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	68	42	53	64
Up to Stand	6	N/A	3	5
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	25	9	21	34
Emerged	1	N/A	0	2

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	15	77	7
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	20	70	10

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.